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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 04-113, Boston Edison Company/  
D.T.E. 05-88, Boston Edison Company – Second Revised Procedural Schedule

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the “Company”) and the Attorney General jointly propose that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the “Department”) revise the procedural schedule in the above-referenced consolidated proceedings for the following reasons.

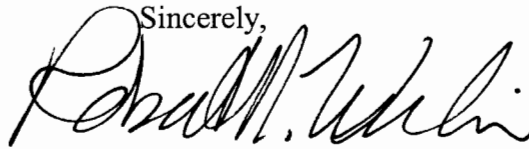
As the Department is aware, the Company and the Attorney General are presently involved in the litigated NSTAR Electric merger case (D.T.E. 06-40). That case has many active parties, which has resulted in more than 200 information requests. Evidentiary hearings are scheduled to begin on August 14, 2006. The same personnel at NSTAR Electric and the Attorney General’s office that are involved in that case would also be needed to deal with discovery for the reconciliation cases. In addition, comments are due August 17, 2006, on NSTAR Gas’ proposal with regard to the Fixed Price Option Pilot Program, which is supported by the Attorney General. Moreover, in accordance with paragraph 2.15 of the Department-approved Settlement Agreement in D.T.E. 05-85, NSTAR Gas and the Attorney General are conferring with regard to NSTAR Gas’ forthcoming proposal for performance-based ratemaking. Again, many of the same resources from both parties that are devoted to those cases are assigned to the consolidated reconciliation case.

Because of these scheduling conflicts and commitments, neither NSTAR Electric nor the Attorney General will be able to comply with the existing procedural schedule in these reconciliation proceedings and achieve a settlement of them as they have done consistently in the past. Accordingly, NSTAR Electric and the Attorney General request that the procedural schedule in these consolidated proceedings be amended as follows:

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May 30, 2006	Updated Filing in D.T.E. 05-88
June 1, 2006	Discovery Period Begins
October 13, 2006	Final Information Requests Issued
October 27, 2006	Final Responses to Information Requests
October/November 2006	Settlement Period
November 30, 2006	File Settlement Agreement or Proposed Evidentiary Hearing Date.

I am authorized to represent that the Attorney General assents to this schedule.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
Robert N. Werlin

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